Nomination to the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

13. Who has the authority to nominate members of the Malayalam Improvement Committee and are all those now in the Committee duly qualified for nomination ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The nomination rests with the Government and Government consider that the present members are duly qualified.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know the qualifications of the members ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

They are good Malayalam scholars and take interest in the improvement of the Malayalam language.

Guide for promotions in Sirkar Service.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

14. (a) Are not promotions in Sirkar service guided by service, experience, qualifications, etc., of those in service ?

(b) If so, how is it that subordinates with less service are seen drawing more salary than more experienced and more qualified persons ?

(c) What are the qualifications—by examination, age, service and in other respects—of Mr. Subrahmanya Ayyar *alias* Ambi Ayyar and of Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar of the Sarvadhikariakkar's Office, Mr. Achyuta Menon of the D. P. W.'s Office, of Mr. Pisharoti, Kariakkar of Brahmaswom Madhom, and of Mr. A. V. Krishna Ayyar of the District Magistrate's Office ?

(d) Have not the claims of several others of those Departments been overlooked by the undue promotion (acting or permanent) of those incumbents ? If not, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the defects of those whom they superseded ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Promotions as also appointments in Sirkar service are made in the best interests of the administration, having due regard generally to service, qualifications and other relevant considerations.

(b) Vide answer (a).

(c) The question as far as it relates to the first two officers mentioned in it has reference to the administration of His

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Highness the Maharaja's Palace, they being attached to the personal staff of His Highness. As for the rest, a reference to the Civil List is invited.

(d) Vide answer (a).

Regulation to prevent Juvenile smoking.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

15. Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the existence of a Regulation to prevent Juveniles from smoking and using intoxicants, etc.?

Though the Regulation has been in force since long and juvenile offenders are often met with, how is it that nothing is seen done as per the Regulation to stamp out the practice? How many such cases have been booked since the passing of the Regulation—in schools and outside?

If no satisfactory action has been taken as yet, will the Government be pleased to do it at least hereafter?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The Juvenile Smoking Regulation being on the statute book there is no necessity for attention being drawn to it.

Everything practicable has been done by Government to stamp out the practice (vide copies of the circulars appended) (*Appendix III*). Government have also directed the Magistracy and the Police to be vigilant in the enforcement of the provisions of the Regulation.

In schools — about 14½ dozen cases.

Outside—6 cases.

In view of the answer to part I, this portion does not require an answer.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are we to understand that there were very rare cases of juvenile offenders outside the schools for the last 6 years?

President.—On that basis the number is given.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are we to understand that for the last 6 years there were only 6 cases detected or there were only very rare cases?

President.—What is the supplementary question?

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